whether any R&D work is being undertaken towards formulation of an indigenous taste enhancer, preferably of vegetable origin?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) One case of violation relating to the excess use of Mono-sodium Glutamate in fried chicken has been brought to the notice of Government.

(b) As per the provision of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1995, Mono-sodium Glutamate may be added to a food article provided the total Glutamate content of the ready-to-serve food does not exceed 1 percent. It shall not be added to any food for use by the infant below twelve months.

(c) According to F.A.O./WHO experts, the consumption of M.S.G. based on technological necessity and consumer's acceptability, does not represent a health hazard.

(b) As per the information furnished by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, the total import bill for Mono-sodium Glutamate (Ajino-moto) is as under:—

Year	Value (Rs. in lakhs)
1994-95 1995-96	281.44
(April-May, 1995)	6.22

According to the Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore no R & D work is being undertaken towards formulation of an indigenous taste enhancer from vegetable origin at present.

Tax incentives for investment in Research and Development

1089. SHRI K.M. KHAN Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as reported in certain columns of Press on 10th November, 1995 Industry has failed to take advantage of the tax incentives given by the Ministry of Finance last year for investments in Research and Development;

(b) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether Governemnt propose to take some steps to avoid such situation in future and also to compel industry to make proper use of such tax incentives; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Finance Minister in his Budget Speech for 1993-94 introduced a provision of weighted tax deduction of 125% for sponsored research.

When an assessee makes a contribution to a National Laboratory under the aegis of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Indian Council of Medical Research or Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, he or she gets a weighted tax deduction of 125% of the contribution. The scheme was operationalised through a Gazettee notification No. S.O. 684 (E) dated 15 September, 1993. The scope of coverage of the scheme was widened by the Finance Minister in his budget speech for 1994-95 to cover all Universities, deemed Universities, Indian Institutes of Technology and Scientific Laboratories under the aegis of the Defence Research & Development Organisation, Department of Electronics, Department of Biotechnology and Department of Atomic Energy. This was operationalised through a Gazette notification No. S.O. 837(E) dated 23 November 1994. The scheme has been very widely publicised

by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

So far, 5 sponsored research programmes valued at Rs. 53.85 lakhs have been approved; two in National Chemical Laboratory, Pune, two in Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun, and one in National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi — all under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

(c) and (d) Industry is encouraged to take advantage of the incentive in larger measure. The recent MOUs between Council of Scientific and Industrial Research & Confederation of Indian Industry and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research & Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry for forging strategic alliances are expected to stimulate the Industry to take greater advantage of the incentive.

दिल्ली में और अधिक अस्पताल खोलने के संबंध में प्रस्ताव

1090. **श्री नागमणि**:

श्री ईश दत्त यादव :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क)क्या भारी संख्या में रोगियों का उपचार करनेए हेतु स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के नियंत्रणाधीन दिल्ली में मात्र चार अस्पताल हैं;

(ख)यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग)क्या दिल्ली और अन्य राज्यों में और अधिक अस्पताल खोलने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव हैं; और

(घ)यदि हां, तो इस प्रयोजनर्थ कौन-कौन से स्थानों का चयन किया गया हैं और वे अस्पताल कब तक खुल जाएंगे?

स्वास्थ्य और परिरवार कल्याण मंत्री (**श्री ए0 आर0 अन्तुले**) : (क) और (ख) दिल्ली में राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली सरकार/दिल्ली नगर निगम/नई दिल्ली नगर परिषद और निजी क्षेत्र द्वारा चलाए जा रहे अस्पतालो के अलावा केन्द्रीय सरकार के चार अस्पताल हैं।

(ग) और (घ) जी, हां। "स्वास्थ्य" राज्य का विषय हैं इसलिए यह राज्य सरकारों की जिम्मेदारी हैं कि वे अपनी प्राथमिकताओं और समग्र संसाधनों की उपलब्धता को ध्यान में रखते हुए लोगों को चिकित्सा सुविधाएं प्रदान करने के लिए अपने राज्य में नए अस्पताल खोलें। जहां तक दिल्ली का संबंध हैं, राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली सरकार का दिल्ली की परिधि में एक 500 बिस्तरों वाला अस्पताल और एक 800 बिस्तरो वाला अस्पताल खोलने का प्रस्ताव हैं।

ET&T Factory at Bhiwadi

1091. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ET&T is marketing 14" B&W TV sets manufactured by some private parties, if so, the names of the suppliers and profits/losses to ET&T per set including all overheads;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ET&T is having its own factory at Bhiwadi, if so, what are the reasons for not manufacturing at Bhiwadi;

(c) the reasons of purchase of this factory alongwith details of its utilisation and the profit/loss earned so far; and

(d) what is the total expenditure incurred so far to acquire and renovate the factory to run?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Yes, Sir. ET&T is marketing 14" B/W TV sets directly and through MTB (Materials, Technology & Brand name) partners. The sets being marketed under the above arrangements directly and through MTB Partners are manufactured at its factory at Bhiwadi